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Sunday: Orthros at 9:30 AM & Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM

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**ST. ELIAS
ANTIOCHIAN CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

DECEMBER 15, 2019

**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN JOSEPH, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND
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'DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS N ANTIOCH.' ACTS 11:26

TONE 1/ EOTHINON 4

**MARTYR ANTHIA, MOTHER OF ELEUTHERIOS; VENERABLE PAUL OF LATRA;
STEPHEN, BISHOP-CONFESSOR OF SUROZH; VENERABLE TRYPHON OF PECHENGA**

WELCOME!

We welcome all of our visitors who are praying with us today. We are eager to share with you our spiritual treasures, and invite you to join us for coffee-hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a few minutes to sign our Guest Registry book and complete the white VISITORS INFORMATION CARD which may be found in the Narthex, and return it to an usher. As a friendly reminder, **only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent Confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion. However all may come forward at end of Liturgy and receive blessed Holy Bread.** We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to St. Elias. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Elias.

أهلاً بكم!

نرحب بجميع زوارنا الذين يصلون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القداس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجل الزوار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مرشدي الكنيسة. وكتذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القداس لاستلام الخبز المقدس المبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب الياس مباشرة.

**WORSHIPPING THE ALL-HOLY GOD
Isaiah 57:15**

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Save The Date



There is an upcoming Retreat to be held at SS Peter & Paul Church [401 Hamilton St Syracuse NY 13204](#), on Saturday December 21st, 2019 with His Eminence Archbishop Michael. We will begin at 10 am, break for a light lunch, and continue the second session until our Vespers at 5 pm. The topic is "Christ in the Psalms". His Eminence is also happy to address any other questions, as usual. There is no charge for this retreat, although we ask you call 315.468.0442 to make your intentions known and so that we may plan the meal.

In Christ,
Fr John J Chupeck (from Larissa)

**World Food Day 2019
Fighting Hunger Together
Canned Food Drive, October-December
38 million people in North America need our help!**



REFLECTION: WITHOUT INCARNATION --- NO CHURCH
WITHOUT CHURCH ----- NO SALVATION

With the secular holiday of Thanksgiving celebration behind us, we must turn our attention to the Holy Season of Advent in order to rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. In this turbulent age, its quite easy to know of Christ and his birth, and each can understand from his own perspective as expressed in his or her interest in commercialism of the season: shopping, decorations, music. **But to know Christ** and experience His Incarnation in ones life is another matter. To know him and have fellowship with him we must turn to His Church where it contains the mysteries for our salvation for it was established none other than Christ Himself. It is 'through the church', as St. Paul writes, 'the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known'. For in the Upper Room the Holy Spirit was imparted and the Church was born. Without, Incarnation, Death, Resurrection and Ascension there is no Holy Spirit sent. But the fact it did, witnessed to, and proclaimed as commissioned by our Lord. In the words of St. Athanasius 'God became man in order for man to become God-Like'. Hence the church is no longer to be viewed as a building of stones and mortars rather as the living body of Christ. You and I in the words of St. John Chrysostom are bones, ligaments and fiber of this one body that is chosen to be Christ like in all aspects of our lives. For where the body is there is also the head, therefore Salvation. Thus, Advent season, is a precious opportunity for us to reflect on our relationship with Christ through our relationship with His Church. Likewise an opportunity to prepare our hearts, by setting our minds aright, that we may re-experience His Incarnation. Then and only then, the word "Joy to the World", O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, "Peace on earth" etc. will be meaningful. May your advent season be a rewarding one.



Nativity Service Schedule
Christmas Eve
Nativity Orthros– 6:30 PM
Followed by
Nativity Liturgy



ADVENT IS:

- A season of preparation
- A season of penitence
- A reminder of judgement to come
- A season of spiritual growth
- A time of prayer
- A season of hope and rejoicing about commitment
- What is it for you?



PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH

I WILL COME INTO THY HOUSE IN THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCY: AND IN THY FEAR I WILL WORSHIP TOWARD THY HOLY TEMPLE. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.

When you enter the church, please remember that the church is a place of worship. Please do not disturb others as they worship God. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.**

**HIEROMARTYR ELEUTHERIOS, BISHOP OF ILLYRIA
& SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF
CHRIST**

During the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Entrance Hymn:

O come let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia

هَلُمُّوا لِنَسْجُدَ وَنَرْكَعَ لِلْمَسِيحِ، مَلِكِنَا وَإِلَهِنَا. خَلَّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ قَامَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ. هَلَلِيوِيَا.

After the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

إِنَّ الْحَجَرَ لَمَّا خُتِمَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ، وَجَسَدَكَ الطَّاهِرَ حُفِظَ مِنَ الْجُنْدِ، قُتِمَتْ فِي الْيَوْمِ النَّالِثِ أَيْهَا الْمُخَلَّصُ،
مَانِحًا الْعَالَمَ الْحَيَاةَ. لِذَلِكَ قُوَّتْ السَّمَاوَاتِ، هَتَفُوا إِلَيْكَ يَا وَاهِبَ الْحَيَاةِ: الْمَجْدُ لِقِيَامَتِكَ أَيْهَا الْمَسِيحِ، الْمَجْدُ
لِمُلْكِكَ، الْمَجْدُ لِتَدْبِيرِكَ، يَا مُجِيبَ الْبَشَرِ وَحَدَاكَ.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone

before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

لقد رَكَّيْتَ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْآبَاءَ الْقَدَمَاءَ، وَبِهِمْ سَبَقْتَ فَحَطَبْتَ الْبَيْعَةَ الَّتِي مِنَ الْأُمَمِ، فَالْقَدِيسُونَ بِالْمَجْدِ يَفْتَخِرُونَ،
إِذْ مِنْ زَرْعِهِمْ أُبْعِثَتْ ثَمَرَةٌ حَسَبِيَّةٌ، وَهِيَ الَّتِي وَلَدْنَاكَ بِغَيْرِ زَرْعٍ. فَبِتَضَرُّعِهِمْ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الْإِلَهُ ارْحَمْنَا.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ELEUTHERIOS OF ILLYRIA IN TONE FIVE

*(**Let us worship the Word**)*

Being comely adorned in thy sacred priestly robes and newly drenched with the streams of thy pure and sanctified blood, thou didst soar aloft to stand before thy Master, Christ; hence never cease to intercede for those honoring with faith thy mighty and blessed contest, thou overthrower of Satan, O wise and blessed Eleutherios.

شَارَكْتَ الرُّسُلَ فِي أَحْلَاقِهِمْ، وَخَلَقْتَهُمْ عَلَى كَرَّاسِيهِمْ. فَوَجَدْتَ الْعَمَلَ مِرْقَاةً إِلَى رُؤْيَةِ الْإِلَهِيَّاتِ، يَا مُلْهَمًا مِنَ
اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ فَصَلِّتَ بِأَحْكَامِ كَلِمَةِ الْحَقِّ، وَجَاهَدْتَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ حَتَّى الدَّمِّ، يَا الْفَنِّيْرِيُوسُ الشَّهِيدُ فِي رُؤْسَاءِ
الْكَهَنَةِ. فَتَشَفَّعْ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ الْإِلَهُ، فِي خَلَاصِ نَفُوسِنَا.

TROPARIUM OF THE PATRON SAINT OF THE CHURCH TONE 4:

O Angelic of body the founder and corner stone of the prophets, the second forerunner of the advent of Christ, O Elias, venerable and glorious, thou didst send grace from heaven to thy disciple Elisha to dispel diseases and to purify lepers wherefore he abounds with healing to all those who honor him.

أَيُّهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ بِالْجِسْمِ قَاعِدَةُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَرُكْنُهُمْ، السَّابِقُ الثَّانِي لِحُضُورِ الْمَسِيحِ، إِيْلَاسُ الْمَجِيدِ الْمَوْقِرُ، لَقَدْ أُرْسَلْتَ
النِّعْمَةُ مِنَ الْعُلَى لِأَلَيْشَعِ لِيَطْرُدَ الْأَسْقَامَ وَيَطْهَرَ الْبَرَصَ، لِذَلِكَ يُفِيضُ الْأَشْفِيَّةَ بِمُكْرَمِيهِ دَائِمًا"

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

*(**The original melody**)*

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

الْيَوْمَ الْعَذْرَاءُ تَأْتِي إِلَى الْمَغَارَةِ لِتَلِدَ الْكَلِمَةَ الَّتِي قَبْلَ الدُّهُورِ، وَوِلَادَةٌ لَا تَقْسُرُ وَلَا يُنْطَقُ بِهَا، فَافْرَحِي أَيُّهَا
الْمَسْكُونَةُ إِذَا سَمِعْتَ، وَمَجْدِي مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّعَاةِ، الَّذِي سَيَطْهَرُ بِمَسِيحِيَّتِهِ طِفْلاً جَدِيداً وَهُوَ إِلَهُنَا الَّذِي قَبْلَ
الدُّهُورِ.

Today's Reader : Milia Alamir

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.*



THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS ITS ROLE IN PARISH LIFE

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER:

To strengthen the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese as a spiritual, administrative and functional entity.

To promote and propagate the teachings of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the welfare of the Orthodox faith.

To financially support the Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese through a lifetime commitment.

To enhance the spiritual commitment of its members.

THE CROSS OF THE ORDER:

Symbolizes the commitment to service and sacrifice for life. Each cross represents the ranks of The Order: Life Member, Dame or Knight Commander, Dame or Knight.

GOALS OF THE ORDER:

To expand the scope of Orthodox spiritual life and to be able to extend the reach of Orthodoxy by generating a minimum of one million dollars annually to do good works throughout the Archdiocese and the world.

SOURCE OF STRENGTH:

The Order gets its strength from its patron Saint, Ignatius, who was the third bishop of the Apostolic See of Antioch. It is believed he was thrown to the lions when he refused to acknowledge the pagan deities. During his journey to Rome to be executed, St. Ignatius wrote six famous epistles and one to his friend, St. Polycarp. The themes of his teachings focus on: the order of the Church, martyrdom and the Christian life. From his life come the principles and ideals of The Order: Obedience, Humility, Steadfastness and Faith. In the letter to the Smyrneans, St. Ignatius tells us, "As the tree

is known by its fruits, so they who claim to belong to Christ are known by their actions for this work of ours does not consist in just making professions but in a faith that is both practical and lasting."

ADMINISTRATION:

The Order is managed by the Governing Council which consists of the North American Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, the North American Chaplain, diocesan chairs and vice chairs and various committee chairs. The standing committees are: Clergy Benefits, Constitution and By-laws, Finance, Historian, Membership, Projects, Protocol, Public Relations, Young Adult Liaison and the appointed position at the Archdiocese, the Administrative Director.

ROLE IN PARISH LIFE:

The Order is committed to not only the support of the Archdiocese but the local parishes as well. The Order supports many of the departments that deal directly with the parishes. Each member of the Order is expected to be a dedicated and active member of a local parish. Therefore, the financial support for The Order is NOT in deference to the local parish but above and beyond. Area fellowship chapters of The Order support and do good works on the parish level and in their local areas. Every December is St. Ignatius month throughout the Archdiocese and the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of December 20th is designated as St. Ignatius Sunday. Members of the Order are expected to participate more visibly in the life of the parish. They can be greeters in the Narthex, read the Epistle, take the collection, sponsor the coffee hour, etc.

SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	12/18	Parish Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Sunday	12/22	Sunday School Recital Following Liturgy
Tuesday	12/24	Christmas Service- Nativity Orthros @ 6:30 followed by Christmas Divine Liturgy.
Sat-Sun	2/22-2/23	Archpastoral Visit- Metropolitan JOSEPH

THE NATIVITY FAST began on Friday, November 15th and is divided into two periods: The 1st period is November 15th through December 19th when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesday and Thursday (some also permit fish on Tuesday and Thursday during this 1st period) and for fish, wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday. The 2nd period is December 20th through the 24th (the period of the Forefeast) when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed Monday through Friday, but with katalysis for wine and oil on Saturday and Sunday.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archpastoral visit to our community on February 22-23, 2020.

On February 22nd, in Geneva, along with various clergy presiding over vesper service to be followed by dinner. Cost is \$25 each. Great Vespers will begin at 5:00pm. The dinner is in the church hall immediately following. The dinner menu consists of prime rib or seafood; with assorted fresh, hand-made Syrian dishes on the side; wine on the tables; desserts galore! Reservations need to be made as soon as possible, this week. Seating is limited. Please call 315-789-3060

On February 23rd., His Eminence will be presiding over our Divine Liturgy at our church, followed by an elegant luncheon for all. Details to follow.

Join the Order of St. Ignatius

When His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH visits our parish, he will be inducting new members into the order of St. Ignatius on Sunday February 23rd. We encourage you to join this order that serves as the very strong charitable arm of our Archdiocese.

Among many other causes, the order supports: Camp Ministry, Refugee relief, the IOCC, Seminarians and seminaries, Retired clergy, widowed clergy wives, missions and evangelism, youth ministry, Special Olympics, college conference.

For more information please contact Father Elias or Nabil Jabaji

What shall we render unto the Lord for all that He hath rendered unto us?

Priest: Wisdom

Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (1:8-18)

(For St. Eleutherios)

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Timothy, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, Who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know Whom I have believed, and I am sure that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit Who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me. May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

كريم بين يدي الرب مؤت باره.

بماذا تكافىء الرب عن كل ما أعطانا؟

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول الثانية إلى تيموثاوس. (1:8-18)

يا ولدي تيموثاوس، لا تخجل بشهادة ربنا، ولا بي أنا أسيره، بل اشترك في احتمال المشقات لأجل الإنجيل بحسب قوة الله، الذي خلصنا ودعانا دعوة مقدسة، لا بمقتضى أعمالنا، بل بمقتضى القصد والنعمة التي أعطيت لنا في المسيح يسوع قبل الأزمنة الأزلية، وإنما أظهرت الآن بظهور مخلصنا يسوع المسيح، الذي أبطل الموت وأثار الحياة والخلود بواسطة الإنجيل. الذي جعلت أنا له كارزا ورسولا ومعلما للأمم. لهذا السبب أحتمل هذه الأمور أيضا. لكنني لست أخجل، لأنني عالم بمن آمننت، وموقن أنه قادر أن يحفظ وديعتي إلى ذلك اليوم. تمسك بصورة الكلام الصحيح الذي سمعته مني، في الإيمان والمحبة التي في المسيح يسوع. احفظ الوديعة الصالحة بالروح القدس الساكن فينا. أنت تعلم هذا أن جميع الذين في أسيا ارتدوا عني، الذين منهم فيجلس وهرموجانيس. ليعط الرب رحمة لينبت أنيسيفورس، لأنه مرارا كثيرة أراحني ولم يخجل بسلسلتي، بل لما كان في رومية، طلبني بأوفر اجتهاد فوجدني. ليعطه الرب أن يجد رحمة من الرب في ذلك اليوم. وكل ما كان يخدم في أفسس أنت تعرفه جيدا.

Priest: Peace be to you Reader.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: Andrew Kane

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

(For the Holy Forefathers)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس لوقا الانجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (14:16-24)

قال الرب هذا المثل: إنسان صنع عشاء عظيماً ودعا كثيرين فأرسل عبده في ساعة العشاء يقول للمدعوين: تعالوا فإن كل شيء قد أعد ففوق كلهم واحد فواحد يستعفون. فقال له الأول: قد اشترت حقلاً، ولا بد لي أن أخرج وأنظره، فأسألك أن تعفيني وقال الآخر: قد اشترت خمسة فدادين بقر وأنا ماض لأجربها، فأسألك أن تعفيني وقال الآخر: قد تزوجت امرأة، فذلك لا أستطيع أن آجيء فأتى العبد وأخبر سيده بذلك فحينئذ غضب رب البيت، وقال لعبده: أخرج سريعاً إلى شوارع المدينة وأزقتها وأدخل المساكين والجذع والعميان والعرج إلى ههنا فقال العبد: يا سيدي، قد فضي ما أمرت به، ويبقى أيضاً محل فقال السيد للعبد: أخرج إلى الطرقات والأسبجة واضطررهم إلى الدخول حتى يمتلئ بيوتناي أقول لكم إنه لا يدوق عشاءي أحد من أولئك الرجال المدعوين لأن المدعوين كثيرين والمختارين قليلون.

Megalynarion:

It is truly meet ...

Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

December is St. Ignatius Month

If you would like to join the order, please see Father or any member of the Order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by Nada Tadros**, for spiritual and physical well being of Nada, Mohammed and Nawal and family, Katrina and Abdallah and family, Adnan and Harriet and family, Rima, Mazin and Jennifer and family, Magdoleen and Kevin and family, Diana and Tim and family, Mary and Mathew, Ayed. **Also being offered in loving memory of** Deifallah, Robin, Ayed, Hebsa, Toma, Turkia, Solomon, Huda, Jiris, Mary, Daniel, Rita, William, Ronald, Summer. May their memories be eternal.
- **Prayers offered** in loving memory of Joseph Peter by his wife, Janice.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, Douglas Monsour, Violette Humsi, Salwa Makhlof, Joseph Jacobs, Evelyn Gabriel, Nabeeha Mahshie.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD SPONSORS:** Dec. 22nd, St. Ignatius, Dec. 24th OPEN; Dec. 29th, 1 year memorial for Sami Tawil.
- **THE COFFEE SPONSOR CHART FOR 2019** is posted in the Narthex. Please take the time to check the dates and sign up for a Sunday.
- **For Announcements, Oblations and Trisagions for the Bulletin**, the deadline is Tuesday evening. Please send your emails to church: steliasny@aol.com and to Sheila: sahmaz@twcny.rr.com
- **Please keep your church pledges up-to-date.** We thank all those who have increased their offering. May God reward you with abundance.
- **Saturday 12/21 at 1:00 pm:** Sunday School Christmas Baking, Craft and Rehearsal Day. Kids will do the final rehearsal for the recital, they'll also work on some fun crafts and make holiday cookies that we will sell to the parishioners on Sunday 12/22. Parents are welcome to drop off their kids.
- **Sunday School will be having a recital on December 22nd following liturgy.** Please remain in church and support your Sunday School children.
- **Gifts for Christmas** - With the season of festivities and preparation for Christmas, please keep in mind that we have gift items that will inspire all who receive them, i.e.: prayer ropes, icons, books, etc. All are worthy gifts.
- **Thank you to those individuals** who came last Saturday to decorate the church for Christmas. We appreciate all your time and hard work.
- **From the Ladies President:** Thank you to all the ladies who organized and supported the Annual Ornament Exchange during this Holy Season. May the Christ Child bless you all.

